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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF BORISLAVA (BORA) BLAGOJEVIC

1. FORMER ROYAL YUGOSLAV ARMY OFFICER AND MIHAILOVICH SUPPORTER BLAGOJEVIC WAS ASSASSINATED AT HIS BRUSSELS HOME MARCH 8. MURDERER USED A SILENCER AND DID NOT ROB HIS VICTIM. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE NATIONAL SECRET SERBIAN ORGANIZATION (ONSS) HAS CLAIMED THE RESPONSIBILITY IN A LETTER TO THE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY BELGE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT BLAGOJEVIC WAS SECRETLY A COMMUNIST AGENT HAS BEEN RAISED.

2. BLAGOJEVIC HAD LIVED IN BRUSSELS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND OPERATED A RESTAURANT HERE UNTIL A YEAR AGO. HE WAS SHOT SIX TIMES AS HE ENTERED THE APARTMENT HE SHARED WITH THE YUGOSLAV COUPLE, WHO LATER FOUND HIM. BLAGOJEVIC WAS PUBLICLY KNOWN FOR HIS ANTI-TITO VIEWS AND WAS REPUTED TO HAVE BEEN MIHAILOVICH'S BODYGUARD DURING WWII. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUGHT BOTH NAZIS AND COMMUNISTS DURING WWII AND WAS ONCE PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN BRANCH OF ROYAL YUGOSLAV ARMY VETERANS. BLAGOJEVIC WAS ALSO SAID TO BE EUROPEAN HEAD OF A CHETNIK ROYALIST DISSIDENT GROUP CALLED "RAVNA-GORA",
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WHOSE HEADQUARTERS ARE IN CHICAGO.

3. CONSIDERED A WAR CRIMINAL BY TITOISTS, BLAGOJEVIC WAS EXECUTED ACCORDING TO ONSS LETTER FOR HIS "CRIMES AGAINST THE SERBIAN PEOPLE IN EXILE." ONSS, WHICH CLAIMED TO HAVE ITS HEADQUARTERS "SOMEWHERE IN THE FREE WORLD" WENT ON TO WARN TITO'S SECRET POLICE (THE U.D.B.A.) AGAINST ANTI-SERBIAN ACTIVITIES AND CONCLUDED "DEATH TO COMMUNISM".

4. BLAGOJEVIC WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED VICTIM OF UDBA ASSASSINATION PLOT IN MID-1974, WHEN UDBA AGENTS IN PARIS RECRUITED A YUGOSLAV, ZDRAVKO TRBIC, TO SHOOT HIM. PLOT FAILED WHEN TRBIC INFORMED BLAGOJEVIC.FIRESTONE

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